

# ***Sunday Morning Worship***

***March 10, 2024***



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# ***Order of Worship***

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**Welcome**

**King's Kids Choir — *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus***

**Announcements**

**Silent Prayer**

**Call to Worship — Psalm 121:1-4**

***Song — All My Help Comes From the Lord (Psalm 121)***

***Song — Lord, Keep Me Day by Day***

***Song — Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)***

**Responsive Scripture Reading — Psalm 1**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Message — Zach Schlegel**

**“A Letter From Jesus on Endurance”**

**Revelation 3:7-13**

***Song — Great Is Thy Faithfulness***

**Benediction**

**Comfort Rooms:** To help accommodate families with small children and individuals with special needs or medical conditions, a live video feed of the worship service is available in rooms 116, 117/118, 119, 120-125.

**Visitors & Guests:** Stop by the Welcome Desk for church information and to receive a welcome packet.

## Call to Worship — Psalm 121:1-4 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills.  
From where does my help come?  
<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.  
<sup>4</sup> Behold, he who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.

## All My Help Comes From the Lord (Psalm 121)

Cleophus Robinson

### **Chorus:**

All my help, (all my help)  
comes from the Lord.  
All my help, (all my help)  
comes from the Lord, (the Lord).  
All my needs that I'm possessing.  
All my help, all my help, all my help  
comes from the Lord, (the Lord).

### **Verse 1:**

Father I stretch, (I stretch)  
my hands to Thee.  
I know that You, (only you,)  
remember me.  
When others forget, when others forget  
and leave me alone,  
I know that Jesus, Jesus, Jesus  
will hear my groan.

### **Verse 2:**

When I am weak, (when I'm weak)  
He gives me strength.  
When I am lonely, He comforts me.  
When I am tired of the load that I am bearing,  
He gives me courage, courage, courage  
to bear my share.

## Lord, Keep Me Day by Day

Eddie Williams

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### Verse 1:

Lord, keep me day by day  
In a pure a perfect way  
I want to live, I want to live on  
In a building not made by hand

### Verse 2:

Lord, keep my body strong  
So that I can press on  
Lord, give me grace  
Just to run - this Christian race  
To a building not made by hand

### Verse 3:

I'm just a stranger here  
Traveling through this barren land  
Lord, I know, There's a building,  
A building somewhere  
A building not made by hand

## Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

John Newton | Chris Tomlin

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### Verse 1:

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see

### Verse 2:

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

### Chorus:

My chains are gone  
I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love, amazing grace

### Verse 3:

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

### Verse 4:

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail  
And mortal life shall cease  
I shall possess within the veil  
a life of joy and peace.

### Verse 5:

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine

### Verse 6:

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun

## Responsive Scripture Reading — Psalm 1 (ESV)

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*Service leader will read the regular font. Congregation respond by reading aloud the underlined font.*

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<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the man

who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

<sup>2</sup> but his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.

<sup>3</sup> He is like a tree

planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither.

In all that he does, he prospers.

<sup>4</sup> The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

<sup>6</sup> for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

## **Sermon Notes**

### **“A Letter From Jesus on Endurance” :: Revelation 3:7-13**

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# Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Thomas Chisholm | William Runyan | John Piper

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## **Verse 1:**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not,  
Thy compassions they fail not  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be

## **Chorus:**

Great is Thy faithfulness  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me

## **Verse 2:**

I could not love Thee, so blind and unfeeling  
Covenant promises fell not to me.  
Then without warning, desire or deserving,  
I found my Treasure, my pleasure, in Thee.

## **Verse 3:**

I have no merit to woo or delight Thee,  
I have no wisdom or pow'rs to employ;  
Yet in thy mercy, how pleasing thou find'st me,  
This is Thy pleasure: that Thou art my joy.

## **Verse 4:**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today  
and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

## **This Week at First Baptist Church**

### **Sunday, March 10 (DST—Clock forward 1 hour)**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes  
10:00 AM Sunday Worship  
12:00 PM Members' Meeting  
6:00 PM Youth Group

### **Monday, March 11**

### **Tuesday, March 12**

10:30 AM Women's Study—"Watch Your Mouth"

### **Wednesday, March 13**

5:45 PM King's Kids Choir  
6:30 PM AWANA  
Adult Bible Study  
Choir & Band Rehearsal

### **Thursday, March 14**

10:00 AM Women's Bible Study—Ephesians

### **Friday, March 15**

### **Saturday, March 16**

### **Sunday, March 17**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes  
10:00 AM Sunday Worship  
6:00 PM Youth Group

## **Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church**

### **Sunday, March 10**

12noon - Church Members' Meeting

### **March 22-23**

Spring Women's Retreat — Hyatt Regency, Cambridge, MD  
(see p.11 for details)

### **Friday, March 29**

7:00pm - Good Friday Worship Service

### **March 31 — Resurrection Sunday Worship**

### **Sunday, April 14**

12noon - Church Potluck Meal after worship



# Praying with First Baptist Church

## A Prayer Guide for the week of March 10

### **Prayer of the week:**

It's often helpful to pray the Scripture as a springboard and inspiration for our own prayer life. As you pray for yourself and others this week, we encourage you to consider the brief prayer of the Apostle Paul in 2 Thessalonians 3:5:

*"May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God  
and to the steadfastness of Christ."*

We recognize our need for God's help in all the areas of our lives. The categories and requests listed below are intentional ways to pray for each other as a church family. For help in knowing how and what to pray for, look up the Scripture included with each item.

### **Ongoing prayer items in the life of our church:**

- Pray for opportunities and boldness to share the gospel with loved ones (Matt. 28:19)
- Pray for conversions (John 3:3, Acts 16:14)
- Pray for the children of our church to hear and understand the gospel and be saved. (Luke 8:8)
- Pray for the preaching of God's word – for faithfulness, fruitfulness, and God's glory (2 Tim. 4:2, 1 Cor. 2:4-5, Isa. 55:10-11)
- Pray for increased one to one discipleship relationships in our church family (Matt. 28:19-20)
- Pray for unity in our diversity both on Sunday and through the week (Rom. 15:13, Eph 4:2-3)
- Pray for continued growth and joy in the gospel (1 Cor. 15:1-5, 2 Pet. 1:12)
- Pray for growth in holiness, hatred of sin and growth in humility (Prov. 8:13, 1 Pet. 1:14-16)
- Pray for honest, loving relationships in our church (Col. 3:12-13, James 5:16)
- Pray for families: marriages to thrive, parents to teach/love/discipline carefully, and children to obey (Eph. 5:22-6:4)
- Pray that giving would be faithful, joyful, consistent, and sacrificial (2 Cor. 8:9)

### **Prayer items outside our church:**

- Pray that our elected officials would fear God, seek His wisdom, have integrity, humility, and work together for the good of society and not self. (1 Tim. 2:1-2, Rom. 13:1-7)
- Pray for fruitful ministry in other gospel-proclaiming churches in our area. (Rom. 15:20, 1 Cor. 16:1-3, Matt. 28:19-20)
- Pray that God would bring a swift end to wars going on throughout the world and establish peace. Pray for protection and care for the many refugees fleeing to safety. Pray that those impacted would trust in God in the midst of their suffering. (Ps. 139:23-24)

- Pray for our ministry partners locally and around the world—Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware (BCM/D), North American Mission Board (NAMB) and International Mission Board (IMB). Pray especially for those we are directly involved with: Jeremy McClain (Mercy of Christ Fellowship Church, DC), Joel Kurz (The Garden Church, Baltimore), Daniel and Brandy Spandler-Davison and Susanna Schriever (Bangkok City Baptist Church, Thailand). Pray the gospel would flourish and churches would be planted and strengthened through their work. Pray that God would supply their needs. (Ps 93:4, Col. 1:5-6, 1 Pet. 4:12-17)

#### **Particular prayer items in the life of our church:**

- Pray God would grant our congregation wisdom as we pray and make important decisions in our Members' Meeting today. (Acts 14:23; 1 Peter 5:1-5; Heb 13:17)
- Pray for good spiritual fruit to come from the Youth Winter Retreat last weekend. Continually pray that the students of our church would hear and understand the gospel and be saved. Pray especially for their families and other faithful Christian adults in the church to faithfully teach and show them how to live out God's commands. (Luke 8:8)
- Pray for the Spring Women's Conference coming up at the end of March (22-23). Pray that the ladies would be encouraged and strengthened in their faith. Pray that godly friendships would flourish. (Heb. 10:23-24)
- Pray that we know a profound contentment no matter what circumstances we find ourselves in – a contentment from knowing God is our help. (Heb. 13:5-6)
- Pray that God would renew our strength when we're weary and use our weakness to display His power. (2 Cor. 12:9)
- Pray that a culture of discipleship, joyful hospitality, and care grows in us as a church family (1 Pt 4:9; Col. 3:16)
- Pray for those in our church family who are going through a significant time of suffering—physically or mentally. Pray for peace. Pray for a keen awareness of God's presence and a desire to draw near to him. Pray for experiences of joy in Christ and in fellowship with church family. (Is. 26:3-4, Ps. 34:18, Ps. 30:1-5)
- Pray that God would help us comprehend his good design for the church and center our lives around it for the sake of his glory being made known. (Eph 3:10; 3:21)
- The following individuals have expressed particular prayer concerns:

**Margaret Austin, Bob and Alice Copeland, Chris Guerra (military deployment), Jackie Jones, Lucie Lowe, Bonnie Trott, Glenn Walker**

(To submit a prayer request, please use the Prayer Request Card available in the sanctuary and drop them in the offering basket or contact the Prayer Room at 301-952-8877.)

# Announcements

**1. Members' Meeting TODAY After Worship.** If you're a member at FBCUM, please make plans to attend the Members' Meeting following the worship service today. We'll be voting on memberships, praying together, and hearing ministry updates. Minutes for our last meeting are available in the church office.

**2. Tuesday Women's Bible Study begins March 12 — 10:30am (Room 113).** All the ladies of the church are invited to join Nikki Crawford on Tuesdays from 10:30am-12noon for a 12-week study entitled, "Watch Your Mouth, Understanding the Power of the Tongue," by Tony Evans. The two goals of the study are to: 1) understand how our words are strategically linked to GOD's intended purpose for speech, and 2) be able to see GOD's powerful presence change our course, as well as those in our sphere of influence. The cost of the book is \$8.50. Contact Nikki Crawford (301.213.9499) with questions.

**3. Nursery Volunteers Needed.** When the children came to Jesus, the disciples wanted to keep them away, but Jesus rebuked them. Jesus loved children then and He loves them now. He wants them to know him and love him. In order to serve our church families well, greet new families, and build on a foundation of faith for our little ones, we need about 4-6 more people who will be willing to serve in our ChildLIFE ministry. The commitment is once every 5 weeks during worship. Including more staff to each team will insure the we don't have to turn people away if we exceed our child-to-adult ratios in each room. This is more than babysitting. It's important gospel work. Please consider volunteering. Please see Pam Jensen for more information about joining the ChildLIFE team and helping serve our families and our precious little ones.

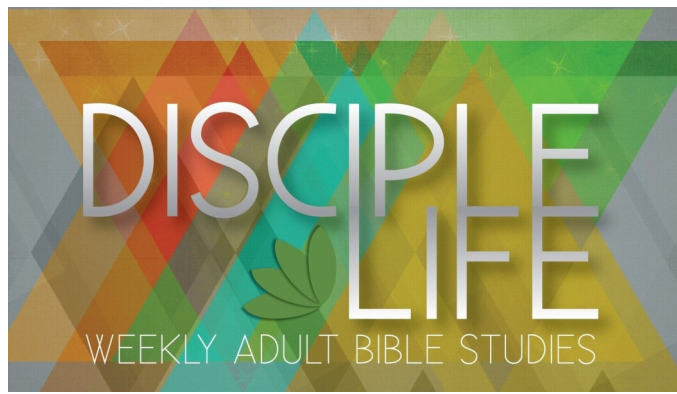
**4. Good Friday Worship — March 29 at 7:00pm.** Mark your calendar and join us for worship on the evening of Good Friday as we remember the atoning work of Christ on the cross for us. The service begins at 7pm on Friday, March 29. There is no childcare for the service, but we encourage our families to bring their little ones along to worship with us.

**5. Giving.** We thank God for the faithful giving of our church family that sustains the gospel ministry here at FBC Upper Marlboro. As a reminder, there are three ways you can give:

- online: click the link or scan the QR code,
- in-person: place your offering in the designated boxes in the church foyer
- by mail: send to the church office.

Church members with a benevolence request, please contact the church office.





## **Spring 2024 (March - May) DiscipleLIFE Classes for adults:**

**SPRING SESSION BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 3**

### **Explore the Bible – Genesis 20-50**

This spring, we'll continue our study of Genesis. In Genesis 20–50, readers get a deep dive into the stories of the descendants of Abraham. Through these patriarchs, God built the nation of Israel and established a line to the Savior. Their examples of faith continue to resonate with Christ followers today. And these studies bring their stories to life. (Books are available in the classroom starting 2/25).

- **Explore the Bible (Coed) — Room 117/118 :: Teachers: Bill Lowry, Charles Kirkland Jr, Faris Hawit**
- **Explore the Bible (Women) — Room 113 :: Teacher: Tanya Joy**

### **How to Study the Bible**

Understanding the Bible isn't just for the gifted or scholar. God made His word clear and accessible. As miners dig for gold, we by the Holy Spirit, can enjoy the riches of God's word (Proverbs 2:1-6). Join us as we learn to be workman of God's word to rightly grasp the meaning of God's word and fall in love with the divine Author."

- **Room 115 :: Teachers - Zach Schlegel and Darryl Arrington**

### **Forgiveness**

Are you struggling to forgive someone—or multiple people—who have deeply hurt you? Do you frequently feel bitter or offended? When the sin of the people around us looms large in our minds, we need to look to God. His great love is not only an encouragement amidst our pain but also the foundation on which we build true forgiveness for others. In this class, we'll walk along with biblical counselor and author Hayley Satrom as she turns us to Scripture to see the grace and mercy that God daily pours out on us despite our sins against him—then shows us how to forgive others in practical terms. Pick up Satrom's devotional book titled, "Forgiveness: Reflecting God's Mercy" from the church bookstall or order online and join us this quarter.

- **Room 114 :: Teachers - Jay Crandell and Mike Rogers**

***\*\* DiscipleLIFE classes for all ages meet every Sunday morning at 9am. \*\****

